

BACK ON TRACK Team

March 1, 2004 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Present were: Pat Holmquist, Lutheran Family Services, Jack Andrews, Valley Hope, Mike Losee, Snitily Carr, Tim Perry, District 6 Probation, Pete Kalita, Veterans Administration, Kate Speck, Prairielands ATTC & Doane College, Otto Schultz, Substance Abuse Action Coalition, David Staenberg, Wolfe House, Brendan Evans, Snitily Carr, Karen Heusel, Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs.

Jerome Barry, Marry Barry-Magsamen, Jay Conrad, Topher Hansen had schedule conflicts. (Mary and Topher had to go to New Orleans – Awwwwwwwwwwww)

1. Welcome
 - a. David Staenberg of Wolfe House was welcomed and quickly learned the secret handshake.
 - b. Otto distributed New Member Folders to everyone who wanted one. They contain background info on Demand Treatment!, Fact Sheets, The Strategic Plan Summary, Membership list and so on.
 - c. The “final” draft of the Strategic Plan was distributed.
2. The Next Meetings will be April 5, May 3, 1:30 p.m., Snitily Carr, 300 S. 68th Pl.
3. Update from – Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral Team

SBI is planning a one-hour orientation for 24 Family Practice Residents at Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (formerly LMEF). Joe Rogers, M. D. and Otto Schultz will be the primary presenters. (Notes from last meeting are attached.) Otto will need to talk to Julie Anderson re: the motivational interviewing techniques they use and teach to physicians working with young women who are pregnant.
4. Update from – Media Event Team

This Team is planning an event for April 24 at 11:00 a.m. on the north capitol steps. We have invited the Governor, but if he can't join us we will invite State Senators to keynote. The event will include 10-minute talks by the Governor, a recovering person and family member. The several hundred people who have gathered will join hands for a Moment of Serenity to celebrate recovery. People will all receive “I'm On Board” buttons. Some of us will get on board Mollie the Trolley which will have a “BACK ON TRACK Banner. The rest of us will drive or walk to Antelope Park Shelter #2 for a picnic with clowns and balloons.

Karen Heusel will help figure out the food for this event. We are concerned about liability if we invite people to bring home-prepared items, so Karen will be working on getting as much donated food as possible.

Celebrating recovery is one of the tools for attacking stigma. The Team will be working on getting measurements for this event. People can come to any part of the event. If they can't (or don't want to) make the picnic, they can come to hear the speakers. If they can only spare a few minutes that day, they can come for the moment of serenity.

5. Lancaster County Treatment Capacity

The Treatment Capacity Report was reviewed. At least, two more agencies need to be included and several other updates were made. These reports are available to anyone.

6. Waiting Lists

a. Handout our list based on Region V list

b. The waiting list is not comprehensive. Agencies do not include all their waiting people. Agencies like Wolf House are not counted (they have 25). People who come from the prisons or probation are in line as much as a year, but are not counted. We should contact every agency at one point in time to take a reading on the actual waiting list. The Crisis Center and Cornhusker Place Detox might have statistics on the number of admissions they have for people who are on waiting lists elsewhere. We also need to gather local stories that illustrate the destructiveness of waiting. Treatment delayed is treatment denied. We should also do a literature review on the costliness in human and financial terms of waiting for treatment.

7. Faces and Voices of Recovery - Logo Contest

We decided not to submit anything to this contest since we would have to give up all rights to our logo.

8. Treatment Evaluations and Reimbursement – discussion postponed to next meeting.

9. Kate Speck announced that she and Rev. Don Coleman have now scheduled substance abuse programming on radio station, KZUM, on the 3rd Friday for his Kids to Kids show. Otto will be doing DT! on the 3rd Friday in April. Can we figure out some kind of response rate on the radio shows?

10. Send Kate information to put up on the Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Center web site. Anything is appropriate. ANYTHING???